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Dear Frank:

The study by Hydro Geo Chem to determine the effects of uranium mine dewatering on water resources of the Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico, has been completed. The study accomplishes two purposes:

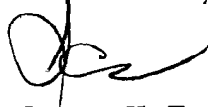
1) It is apparent from the study that uranium mine dewatering in the San Juan Basin will have an (b) (6) on the reservation's water resources, both surface and underground. In addition, I have received from Hydro Geo Chem the letter attached hereto indicating that perhaps (b) (6) than indicated in the study.

2) The study sets up a model monitoring program for the continued monitoring of the Pueblo's water resources.

Although the uranium mines are currently idle, it would be greatly appreciated if some discussion could begin regarding actions which can be taken to protect the Pueblo's water resources and funding for the continued monitoring program. If it is agreeable with you, could you have Pete Balleau contact appropriate Pueblo officials to discuss the completion of this report, its impact and further actions in this regard.

Very truly yours,

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